

College, as well as a consultant on the Liturgy Committee.

He is presently a consultant to the NCCB's Ecumenical and Migration committees. He is well known for his commitment to ecumenism. To give just two examples, he led the Jewish Federation United Jewish Campaign's Super Sunday Telethon in 1984 and accepted an invitation to the Polish National Catholic Church's 100th anniversary banquet in 1997, where he addressed the crowd, sharing their joy and seeking to restore unity between them.

He has also served a five-year term as Episcopal Moderator of the National Association of Holy Name Societies. A long-time licensed pilot, the bishop is the Episcopal Moderator of the National Association of Catholic Airport Chaplains.

When he was appointed bishop, he chose the motto "Fides Spes Caritas," faith, hope, love. I think also serves as a fine summary of Bishop Timlin's life and work.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the long and dedicated service of Bishop James C. Timlin and to wish him all the best as he continues to serve Northeastern Pennsylvania.

GUAM'S STUDENT MUSICAL
GROUP

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to bring attention to the outstanding accomplishments of Guam's student musical group, the Silhouettes. Started in 1996-1997 by Michael Song in his first year as music instructor at JFK High School in Tamuning, Guam, the Silhouettes have overcome difficult obstacles on their road to success and recognition. Originally composed of 13 females, 3 male voices, 1 accompanist and an outdated piano, the Silhouettes struggled to earn the community's respect in their inaugural year. Due to their unrelenting desire to succeed and tremendous hard work, the Silhouettes not only excelled in gaining the local community's respect, but also attained international recognition. They toured Korea and Japan, and eventually traveled to the U.S. mainland, where they were selected as champions in the "Show Choir" division of the 1999-2000 MusicFest Orlando. This year, the Silhouettes have successfully defended their title, and have additionally placed first in the "Concert Choir" division, thereby earning the title of "Grand Champions" in the competition.

The attributes setting the Silhouettes apart are the group's tremendous ambition and will to succeed. In their inaugural year, without any community or government assistance, the group raised \$17,000 and went on a tour to Korea, where they became the first foreign school students ever allowed to perform on the prestigious campus of EWAH Girls High School. The success greatly magnified their reputation, but the Silhouettes continued to struggle while trying to obtain financial support. Through extensive fund-raising efforts,

the group managed to raise the necessary funds to tour Japan and perform at 9 schools and for the mayor of Gifu, who awarded the group Honorary Citizenship of his city. Their diligence, dedication, hard work paid off. Due mainly to their growing reputation, Government of Guam funds were appropriated enabling the Silhouettes to fulfill their dream and compete against some of the highest rated U.S. High Schools at the Orlando MusicFest 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

Their magnificent talent led the Silhouettes to place first in the "Show Choir" division, in which pop music is played using drums and other musical instruments accompanying the piano. In 2000-2001, the group not only defended their "Show Choir" title, but also won the "Concert Choir" division, playing classical music relying solely on the piano. To win both titles, the Silhouettes defeated a total of 47 schools, and were selected as "Grand Champions" by the committee of judges. Due to their success, the Silhouettes have produced their first CD, earned two resolutions in the Guam Legislature, and garnered the appreciation and pride of the entire island of Guam. I, therefore, ask that you join me in commending this outstanding group of students for their phenomenal success.

I additionally wish to submit for the RECORD, the names of the members of the Silhouettes: Michael Song (Music Director), Troy Taitano (Accompanist), Brian Machie (Drummer), Ray Yoshida (Sound Technician), Charleen Remotigue, Verna Ventura, Karen Ikeno, Kim Solomon, Emily Servino, Tara Atencio, Gwen Nolos, Lucretio San Nicolas, Anselma Reyes, Azusa Hanashima, Sheena Hess, Michelle Ganadam, Krystal Abaya, Lily Tizon, Geneva McCoy, Kris Tiongzon, Eugene Guillermo, Daryl Muya, Calvin Huynh, Jeff Moreno, Steve Terlaje, Robert Brito.

NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH
CHALLENGE PROGRAM

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation to provide additional Federal funding for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program and invite all my colleagues to join me in sponsoring this legislation.

Our Nation is facing an epidemic in juvenile crime and education delinquency of historical proportion. Over 2,806 students drop out of high school each day, while another 17,297 students are expelled. Dropping out of school and failing to identify or working toward achieving personal goals is leading young people down a path of self-destruction. The National Guard Youth Challenge Program was created in order to help these young people enhance their life skills, increase their educational levels, improve their employment potential, and provide tools and experience for success.

Since 1993, over 27,800 at-risk youth have graduated from the program, and more than 19,170 of the graduates received their high school diploma or GED. The Youth Challenge

Program helps 16 to 18 year-old male and female high school dropouts complete their high school education; prepare for employment, higher education, or a career in the military; and obtain the skills necessary to succeed in life.

All troubled youth should have an opportunity to turn their lives around and realize success. Unfortunately, because of federal funding restraints, only 24 states and Puerto Rico can offer this program. In addition, of the states that offer the program, only 37 percent of interested young adults who have applied have been able to participate because of the lack of funding. Currently, federal law caps federal spending for the Youth Challenge Program at \$62.5 million. States must share 35 percent of the cost while the federal government assumes 65 percent. By lifting the cap and adjusting the matching requirements, thousands of youths could be given the opportunity to participate in this program annually.

The legislation I have drafted will completely eliminate the \$62.5 million cap on Youth Challenge Program spending, remove the mandate that directs excess Youth Challenge Program funding to JROTC, and adjust the federal/state match from 65/35 to 75/25. I believe this is the right thing to do to help America's at-risk youth. This program is a success, and its performance outshines virtually every other federal program that targets at-risk youth. The benefits are proven and substantial. I invite my colleagues to review my legislation, and I respectfully request their support.

TRIBUTE TO TOM PHILLIPS AND
WILLIAM RUSHER

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, August 4th Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) will hold its National Convention in Newport Beach, California. At this event the organization will honor two fine people. Mr. Tom Phillips, Chairman of Phillips International, will receive the organization's highest award, the Guardian of Freedom. Mr. Phillips has been a strong supporter of YAF and is involved in various other entities engaged in the fight for liberty. As publisher of "Human Events," he has helped to further a publication steeped in the tradition of freedom. Mr. Phillips has also shown a particular interest in the kind of private preservation activities I so frequently advocate. Rather than leave it to the taxpayers to fund and the federal government to manage, Mr. Phillips has personally helped to fund the preservation of President Reagan's Ranch by the Young America's Foundation so that it might be used as a training ground for young people dedicated to the individual liberty which President Reagan spoke of so often.

Also, at this event, Mr. William Rusher will receive a lifetime achievement award. Mr. Rusher was instrumental in the founding of YAF in 1960 around those set of principles enunciated in the Sharon Statement, a great document explicating the philosophy of freedom. In addition, Mr. Rusher was instrumental

in many other important activities such as the Draft Goldwater Committee and the National Review Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to honor YAF as it prepares for its 41st year of training young men and women in the philosophy of freedom and holds its National Convention, as well as to offer my congratulations to these honorees.

**HONORING CHAMPION WRESTLER
JOEL EDWARDS**

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate an extremely accomplished high school athlete from my congressional district, in Upper Darby, PA. Joel Edwards, a recent graduate of Upper Darby High School, recently won the Pennsylvania State wrestling championship in his weight class.

Joel Edwards has proven himself to be one of the best, if not the best, wrestler, Upper Darby High has ever had. Joel has a long list of accomplishments: a two-time Sectional champion, two-time District champion, two time Regional champion, and the 2001 State Champion. In addition, Joel recently placed eighth in the nation in the National High School Senior Wrestling Championship, earning him All-American honors. These accomplishments are but a few, but show Joel's remarkable wrestling talent. Numerous honors and awards have been bestowed on Joel for his accomplishments. The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Delaware County Daily Times named him "Wrestler of the Year", and he was also a three-time All-League and All-County selection. His career record was a phenomenal 116-23.

Joel is now on his way to a great institution of higher learning, Penn State University, where he has been given a full scholarship to pursue his wrestling career for the Nittany Lions. It is my pleasure to represent Joel Edwards in Congress and to see his accomplishments. He has been a great source of community spirit and pride in the entire Upper Darby area. I wish Joel continued success at Penn State and again wish to congratulate him on his remarkable achievements.

**IN HONOR OF WILLIAM
HAMBRECHT**

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a business pioneer, a philanthropist, and a long time friend, Bill Hambrecht. Bill is being inducted into the Bay Area Business Hall of Fame today, Thursday, July 19. I can think of no worthier gentleman to receive such a distinct honor.

William R. Hambrecht is Founder, Chairman, and CEO of WR Hambrecht & Co., an

investment banking, entrepreneurial investment firm headquartered in San Francisco. In 1968, he co-founded Hambrecht & Quist which he headed until the late 1990s.

William Hambrecht is a legendary trailblazer in investment banking. Through his "West Coast-style" investing, he has engineered major success stories such as Genentech, Apple Computers, and Amazon.com. By bringing fresh ideas to the financial world such as its innovative auction-style OpenIPOs, WR Hambrecht & Co. has been recognized as a groundbreaking investing company.

His philanthropic work demonstrates his concern for the community and the environment. He serves as a Director of Beacon Education Management, an education management company. He also sits on the board of KQED, San Francisco's public television and radio station and is a trustee of the Sierra Club.

William Hambrecht is dedicated to education and business growth. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. As a member and former Chairman of the Council on Competitiveness, he is committed to improving U.S. economic competitiveness and leadership in world markets. The Council, composed of corporate CEOs, university presidents, and labor leaders, focuses on strengthening U.S. competitiveness through innovation and technology.

William Hambrecht is an inspiration and a friend to many. His brilliant leadership has changed the face of California business and philanthropy. It is my honor to recognize the achievements of my constituent, and to join with his wife Sally and the Bay Area Council in acknowledging his contributions and ongoing dedication to social justice and the advancement of the Bay Area's wellbeing. I applaud his commitment to his community and cherish his friendship.

**BROWNSVILLE TEXAS IS ALL
AMERICAN CITY**

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share my pride today in the beautiful South Texas city of Brownsville which was chosen by the National Civic League and Allstate Insurance Company as an "All American City." Brownsville was one of 10 municipalities named All American Cities.

This is a recognition for civic excellence honoring communities where citizens, government, businesses, non-profits and others demonstrate successful partnerships to resolve critical challenges before the community. Brownsville is a great example of this dynamic.

Brownsville's unique location "On the Border by the Sea," with its multi-cultural, historical and natural resources, is a good look at what America will be, and should be, over the next decades. It is a friendly city, populated by smart, visionary people which borders both the Gulf of Mexico and Mexico itself.

Brownsville's rich history includes: Karankawa Indians, Spanish explorers,

vaqueros (Mexican cowboys), ranchers, soldiers, prospectors and present day captains of business and industry. The City of Brownsville was incorporated in 1853, taking its name from Fort Brown Post Commander Major Jacob Brown.

But of all the natural resources, easily the most valuable, most often-cited natural treasure is the people of Brownsville themselves. The nicest people I know live in the Rio Grande Valley. The life is easy, but the work is hard. So often, the border area is seen by both the United States and Mexico as a separate region, a place unto itself.

But the people there find ways to deal with the challenges that face them . . . the challenge of finding the water the community needs, keeping up with the rapidly-growing population, and supporting infrastructure for the international trade that flows across the U.S.-Mexico border.

This bi-cultural city, which is big, but not too big, is a family oriented place of beauty. The unique plants and wildlife, resacas, proximity to the beach and to the neighboring country of Mexico, all bring tourists to this area of the country in droves.

This leading border city whose people come together when the mission or purpose calls is most deserving of this award. All the people who participated in the award process are to be commended.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the community of Brownsville on this outstanding achievement.

**TAIWAN PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-
BIAN CHAMPIONS HUMAN RIGHTS**

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan recently completed his first year of service as head of state, and I would like to take this occasion to congratulate him and comment on a few of Taiwan's achievements.

Taiwan has long been a friend of the United States. Over the last decades, Taiwan has made great strides towards becoming a model of rapid political reform. Taiwan subscribes to the private enterprise system and offers its people one of the highest standards of living in Asia. In terms of its trading relations with us, Taiwan represents our seventh largest export market, thus providing many jobs for our manufacturers. In addition, more than 30,000 Taiwan students are studying at U.S. colleges and universities. The U.S. is the number one destination for most of Taiwan travelers. Taiwan and the United States share many values in common such as attachment to freedom, democracy, and human rights.

One of the most notable feature of President Chen's administration is his championing of human rights. For many decades, human rights had been a taboo subject in Taiwan until Taiwan's martial law was repealed in 1987. In recent years, the government has been cooperating with civic groups to recognize the government's past mistakes and has